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Programme of meetings and agenda

Scheduled official meetings

Thursday, 24 October 2002

Security Council

10.30 a.m. Consultations of the whole (closed) Consultations Room
Annual report of the Security Council to the General Assembly
Other matters

Morning¹ 4632nd meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Letter dated 15 October 2002 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2002/1146)

¹ To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

Security Council

An open meeting of the Security Council will be held on *Monday, 28 October 2002*, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the item entitled "Women and peace and security". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; tel. 1 (212) 963-5263), as from Tuesday, 22 October 2002, between 9.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.



General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary of the General Assembly on the strengthening of the United Nations

3 p.m. 1st meeting (closed) Trusteeship Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary of the General Assembly, chaired by the President of the General Assembly, on the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change" (documents A/57/387 and A/57/387 Corr.1) [Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, will brief delegations and respond to questions. Delegations are invited to participate at the ambassadorial level.]

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3-6 p.m. 15th meeting Conference Room 1

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects (A/C.4/57/L.8) [78]

General debate

Action on draft resolution A/C.4/57/L.8

Second Committee

3 p.m. 17th meeting Conference Room 4

1. Macroeconomic policy questions: science and technology for development [84 (c)]
Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.10
2. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [86]
 - (a) Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of Developing Countries and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade
Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.12
 - (b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy
Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.14
 - (c) Culture and development
Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.11 and A/C.2/57/L.13

Afternoon¹-6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

Informal consultations, under the chairmanship of Mr. Abdellah Benmellouk, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.2 (item 84 (f)); A/C.2/57/L.3, A/C.23/57/L.7 and A/C.2/57/L.10 (item 84 (c))

¹ Following the adjournment of the 17th meeting of the Second Committee.

Third Committee

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 4
	1. Advancement of women	[102]
	<i>Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/57/L.19, A/C.3/57/L.20/Rev.1 and A/C.3/57/L.21</i>	
	2. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"	[103]
	<i>Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/57/L.22 and A/C.3/57/L.28</i>	
	3. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (A/57/3 (Part I) and A/57/3 (Part II) ¹)	[107]
	(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (A/57/18, A/57/83-E/2002/72, A/57/204, A/57/333, A/57/334)	
	(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/57/443, A/57/444)	
	4. Right of peoples to self-determination (A/57/178, A/57/312)	[108]
	<i>Continuation of general discussion</i>	

¹ To be issued.

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 3
	1. Pattern of conferences (A/57/32 and A/57/32/Corr.1, A/57/228 and A/57/228/Add.1 and A/57/228/Add.2, A/57/289, A/56/901 and A/57/472)	[116]
	<i>Conclusion of general discussion</i>	
	2. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors	[110]
	<i>Action on draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.9</i>	
	3. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations	[111]
	Common services	
	<i>Action on draft decision A/C.5/57/L.14</i>	
	4. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations	[111]
	Human resources management	
	Gratis personnel	
	<i>Action on draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.5</i>	
	5. Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003	[112]

Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa*Action on draft decision A/C.5/57/L.8***Videoconferencing at the United Nations***Action on draft decision A/C.5/57/L.10***Decentralized budgetary and financial arrangements for central services***Action on draft decision A/C.5/57/L.11***Delivery of advisory services***Action on draft decision A/C.5/57/L.12***Trends in extrabudgetary resources at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the impact on its capacity to carry out the programme of work***Action on draft decision A/C.5/57/L.13*

6. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency [115]

Action on draft decision A/C.5/57/L.6

7. Joint Inspection Unit [119]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.7

8. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [122]

*Action on draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.4*Morning¹

1 p.m.

Informal consultations (closed)

Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 112 (Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: Cooperation between headquarters departments and regional commissions (A/57/361, E/2002/15, E/2002/15/Add.1, E/2002/15/Add.2, E/2002/15/Add.3 and E/2002/15/Add.3/Corr.1 and A/57/7/Add.3))

¹ Following the adjournment of the 15th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Sixth Committee

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

19th meeting

Trusteeship Council Chamber

Convention on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and their property (A/57/22) [154]

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-fifth session [155]

*Action on draft resolution A/C.6/57/L.15***Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

10.30 am. - 1 p.m.

Closed meeting

Conference Room 10

1. International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
2. International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Informal consultations on agenda items 25 (b) and (c) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

3-6 p.m. Conference Room 2

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolutions on agenda item 25 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas/illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments) and agenda item 25 (c) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks)

Second Committee

Briefing

1.15-2.45 p.m. Conference Room 6

Briefing on "The development dimension of the post-Doha process", given by Ms. Manuela Tortora, Coordinator, Trade Negotiations and Commercial Diplomacy Branch, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development [The briefing is jointly organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.]

Other meetings

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Thursday, 24 October 2002

Group of 77 (Second Committee: agenda items 87 (b), (d), (e) and (f); report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme; and the resumed substantive session of the Economic and Social Council)

9-1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Mason Group (First Committee)

9–10.30 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Rio Group (Second Committee)

10–11 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on agenda item 24 (Culture of peace), organized by the delegation of Bangladesh

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Meeting of JUSCANZ (on Second Committee matters)

2–4 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (Third Committee: on racism)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

2002 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament

3–5.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Informal consultations, organized by the delegation of Guyana, on the draft resolution on the role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order (agenda item 30)

4.30–6 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/pressg/conf.htm.

Thursday, 24 October 2002*Room S-226*

11.15 a.m.

Mr. Doudou Diène, Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Forthcoming official meetings**Friday, 25 October 2002****General Assembly**

Fifty-seventh session

Main Committees**First Committee**

10 a.m. 21st meeting Conference Room 1

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. 16th meeting Conference Room 3

Morning¹ Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

3 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

¹ Following the adjournment of the 16th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Informal consultations on agenda item 25 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 25 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Friday, 25 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

**2002 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and
2002 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the
United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme**

The 2002 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Tuesday, 5 November 2002, in the morning, and the 2002 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held on Wednesday, 6 November 2002, also in the morning. Both Pledging Conferences will be held in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to both pledging conferences, in writing, to Ms. Lydia Bawar (tel. 1 (212) 963-5973; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers for both Pledging Conferences will be open from Monday, 28 October, to Monday, 4 November. Delegations wishing to be inscribed for one or both pledging conferences are requested to contact the Ms. Lydia Bawar (tel. 1 (212) 963-5973; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

The Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism will give an oral briefing to interested Member States of the United Nations on *Thursday, 31 October 2002*, at 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session 2002

The Economic and Social Council will hold its 44th plenary meeting of the resumed substantive session (to take up all outstanding matters) on Friday, 25 October 2002, in the afternoon, immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal consultations

The President of the Economic and Social Council, Mr. Ivan Šimonović (Croatia), will hold informal consultations on draft decision E/2002/L.38 on Friday, 25 October 2002, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Briefing by the Executive Director of UNAIDS

There will be a joint briefing of the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly, on Friday, 25 October 2002, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 4 featuring a briefing by Dr. Peter Piot, Executive Director of UNAIDS, followed by an interactive discussion.

In his briefing, Dr. Piot will update delegations on the forthcoming report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the twenty-sixth special session (HIV/AIDS) and the status of the HIV/AIDS epidemic worldwide. He will, in addition, share his views on the way forward in the global response to the epidemic.

The briefing is jointly convened by the Chairmen of the Second and Third Committees, in preparation for the consideration of item 42, which will take place on 8 November 2002 in plenary session.

Economic Community of Central African States (*at the ambassadorial level*)

There will be the Economic Community of Central African States (*at the ambassadorial level*) on Friday, 25 October 2002, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Meeting of member countries of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization
(*at the expert level*)

There will be a meeting of member countries of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization (*at the expert level*), to discuss the proposals on the draft resolution entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization", on Friday, 25 October 2002, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

UNITAR workshop on international trade negotiations

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of the International Trade Series. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from Tuesday, 29 October to Friday, 1 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is *today*, 24 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603, tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196).

UNDP Human Development Report 2002 – Deepening Democracy in a Fragmented World

There will be a presentation and discussion of the *Human Development Report 2002 – Deepening Democracy in a Fragmented World* on Wednesday, 30 October 2002, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mrs. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, Director, Human Development Report Office, UNDP, will present the report with Mr. Michael Doyle, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General, Assistant Secretary-General. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Nena Terrell, UNDP (tel. 1 (212) 906-3629).

**UNITAR French-language workshop on the structure,
drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions**

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations

resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on Monday, 4 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., on Tuesday, 5 November, from 3 to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 6 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 30 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

UNITAR Seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) are jointly organizing a seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties.

The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on Tuesday and Wednesday, 12 and 13 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York.

The invitation to attend the seminar is extended not only to members of permanent missions, but also to members of the relevant ministries from capitals. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 5 November 2002. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963 9684 or 963-9196).

UNITAR workshop series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology

As part of the series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology, the third and final high-level seminar of this year on "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology", organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held on Friday, 15 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. This interactive seminar is primarily aimed at ambassadors and other diplomats. However, all interested staff members as well as NGO representatives are welcome to attend. This seminar is part of the UNITAR series, launched under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics, and implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel Corporation. For further information please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 2 October 2002, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the

Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-seventh session

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A.)

Summary of meetings

Wednesday, 23 October 2002

Security Council

4631st meeting

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Letter dated 18 October 2002 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2002/1176)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Denmark, Japan, Slovenia, Ukraine, and Yugoslavia, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to His Excellency Lord Paddy Ashdown, High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Mr. Jacques Paul Klein, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Coordinator of United Nations Operations in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by His Excellency Lord Ashdown and Mr. Klein.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Norway, the United States, France, Ireland, the United Kingdom, China, the Russian Federation, Bulgaria, Colombia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Mexico, Guinea, and by the President, in his capacity as the representative of Cameroon.

Statements were made by the representatives of Denmark (on behalf of the European Union, the countries of Central and Eastern Europe associated with the European Union: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia; the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey; and the EFTA countries belonging to the European Economic Area, Liechtenstein and Iceland, which aligned themselves with the statement), Croatia, and Yugoslavia.

His Excellency Lord Ashdown and Mr. Klein responded to comments and questions raised.

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Main Committees

First Committee

19th meeting

The Committee continued its third stage of work, namely, action on all draft resolutions submitted under all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 57, 58 and 60-73).

A general statement was made by the Director-General of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

A general statement was made by the representative of Germany.

Statements were made by the representatives of Zambia and France.

Operative paragraph 4 (b) of draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.37 was adopted with a recorded vote of 134 to 2, with 17 abstentions. Operative paragraph 6 was adopted with a recorded vote of 134 to none, with 20 abstentions. Draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.37 as a whole was adopted with a recorded vote of 132 to none, with 23 abstentions.

Statements were made by the representatives of Israel, Greece and Ghana.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Kuwait (who spoke on behalf of the League of Arab States), Algeria, the Syrian Arab Republic, China, Jordan, Cuba, Myanmar, Pakistan, Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Morocco and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

In explanation of vote before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Mexico (on behalf of South Africa), Cuba and Sierra Leone.

Draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.54 was adopted without a vote. In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of New Zealand, Brazil and Egypt.

The representative of Uzbekistan (who spoke on behalf of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan) introduced draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.24/Rev.1.

Draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.6 was adopted without a vote. In explanation of vote before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Chile. In explanation of vote after the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Germany.

A statement was made by the representative of Nigeria.

Draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.38 was adopted without a vote. A statement was made by the representative of Lebanon.

Draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.7/Rev.2 was adopted without a vote. In explanation of vote after the vote, a statement was made by the representative of France.

Draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.12 was adopted by a recorded vote of 153 to none, with 4 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.20 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.50 was adopted by a recorded vote of 93 to 46, with 18 abstentions. In explanation of vote after the vote, a statement was made by the representative of the Republic of Korea.

In the exercise of the right of reply, statements were made by the representatives of Israel, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the United States.

20th meeting

Draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.45 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.31 was adopted without a vote. A statement was made by the representative of Albania.

Draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.47/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.31 was adopted without a vote. In explanation of vote before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Malaysia, Ireland and Pakistan.

A general statement was made by the representative of Ireland (who spoke on behalf of the New Agenda Coalition). In explanation of vote after the vote, a statement was made by the representative of China.

Draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.32 was adopted by a recorded vote of 90 to 2, with 57 abstentions. In explanation of vote before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of the Russian Federation. A statement was made by the Secretary of the First Committee. In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Denmark (who spoke on behalf of the European Union, the countries of Central and Eastern Europe associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), and the associated countries, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, as well as the EFTA countries of the European Economic Area, Iceland and Norway, which aligned themselves with this explanation of vote), the Republic of Korea, Japan, the United States and Australia.

Draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.42 was adopted by a recorded vote of 136 to 2, with 13 abstentions. In explanation of vote before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Ireland (who spoke on behalf of the New Agenda Coalition). In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of China, Austria, Germany, the United States, Pakistan and India.

Operative paragraph 10 of draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.43 was adopted by a recorded vote of 139 to 2, with 8 abstentions. Draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.43 as a whole was adopted by a recorded vote of 91 to 40, with 19 abstentions. In explanation of vote before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Cuba. In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Japan, China, India and Pakistan.

Draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.36 was adopted by a recorded vote of 128 to none, with 20 abstentions. In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Singapore, the Republic of Korea, Myanmar, Armenia, Nepal, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lebanon, Cuba, India, Pakistan and Egypt.

Third Committee**24th meeting***Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People* [106]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the representative of Fiji, also on behalf of the following Pacific Island Forum countries: Australia, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu.

A statement was also made by the representative of the World Bank.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the item.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [107]*(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination**(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action**Right of peoples to self-determination* [108]

The Committee began its joint consideration of the items and heard an introductory statement by the Director of the New York Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The Special Rapporteur on measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance introduced document A/57/204, under agenda item 107 (a). The representative of the New York Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights presented the report on the question of the use of mercenaries (A/57/178), under agenda item 108, on behalf of the Special Rapporteur.

The Committee held a dialogue with the speakers, in which the representatives of Denmark and Cuba took part.

The Committee then began its general discussion of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Denmark (on behalf of the European Union and the associated countries of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, as well as Cyprus, Malta, Turkey, Iceland and Norway), Senegal, Norway (on item 107), Mexico, Egypt (on item 108), the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Sudan, Cuba (on item 107) and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The representative of Uganda made a comment regarding document A/57/178.

25th meeting*Promotion and protection of the rights of children* [105]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.23

The representative of Egypt introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed.

Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [107]*(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination**(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action*

Right of peoples to self-determination [108]

The Committee resumed its general discussion of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), South Africa (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Argentina (on item 107 (b)) and Pakistan.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Israel and Egypt.

Organization of work

The Committee was reminded that the list of speakers for items 107 and 108 would close at 1 p.m. on Thursday, 24 October, and that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under the two items was Tuesday, 29 October, at 6 p.m.

Fifth Committee

14th meeting

Pattern of conferences (A/57/32 and A/57/32/Corr.1, A/57/228, A/57/228/Add.1 and A/57/228/Add.2, A/57/289, A/56/901 and A/57/472) [116]

The Committee resumed its general discussion of the afore-mentioned reports and heard statements by the representatives of Kenya and Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights**Human Rights Committee**

Seventy-sixth session

United Nations Office at Geneva

Wednesday, 23 October 2002

2055th meeting

Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [6]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the question of Suriname (non-reporting State).

2056th meeting

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [10]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973

Accession: Lithuania (23 October 2002)¹

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General Information**DPI/NGO Briefing**

The topic of this week's DPI/NGO Briefing is "The Disarmament Agenda: Pressing Issues". The briefing will be held *today*, 24 October 2002, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. A thematically relevant video will be screened at 10 a.m. The briefing will feature Mr. Kevin Dowling, Head, Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Section, Department of Foreign Affairs, Ireland; Ms. Randall Forsberg, Director, Institute for Defense and Disarmament Studies; Mr. Joseph Sherwood McGinnis, Deputy Permanent Representative of United States to the Conference on Disarmament; and Mr. Randy Rydell, Senior Political Affairs Officer, Department of Disarmament Affairs. This briefing is organized by the Department of Public Information in cooperation with the NGO Committee on Disarmament, Peace and Security. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are also invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

Launch of the 2002 Edition of the Small Arms Survey Yearbook

There will be a launch of the French and English editions of the *2002 Small Arms Survey Yearbook*, co-sponsored by the Department for Disarmament Affairs and the Small Arms Survey project, *today*, 24 October 2002, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala; H.E. Mr. Hubert de la Fortelle (France); H.E. Mr. Christian Faessler (Switzerland); Prof. Keith Krause and Prof. Edward Lawrence will be the speakers. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Herbert Loret, Department for Disarmament Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-0049; fax: 1 (212) 963-1121; email loret@un.org).

United Nations Staff Day

The United Nations Staff Day will open with a brief flag-raising ceremony to remember all personnel fallen in the service of the Organization. The ceremony will be held on Friday, 25 October 2002, at 9.30 a.m. at the flagpole located in the Secretariat Circle near the Delegates' Entrance of the General Assembly Hall. The President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Jan Kavan, the Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Louise Fréchette, the United Nations Security Coordinator, Mr. Tun Myat, and the President of the Staff Union, Ms. Rosemarie Waters, are scheduled to speak at the event. The observance will end with the reading out of the names of our 63 colleagues, both military and civilian, who have lost their lives since the last Staff Day. In case of

inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the General Assembly Hall. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat and agency staff are invited to attend.

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October 2002 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Egypt

H.E. Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit

Asian States:

Iraq

H.E. Mr. Mohammed A. Aldouri

Eastern European States:

Yugoslavia

H.E. Mr. Dejan Šahović

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Trinidad and Tobago

H.E. Mr. Philip Sealy

Western European and other States:

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

H.E. Mr. Jeremy Greenstock

Web sites

President of the General Assembly:

www.un.org/ga/president

General Assembly:

www.un.org/arabic/ga/57

www.un.org/chinese/ga/57

www.un.org/ga/57

www.un.org/french/ga/57

www.un.org/russian/document/gadocs/57sess

www.un.org/spanish/aboutun/organs/ga/57

Presidency of the Security Council:

www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:

www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373

www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm

www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373

www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373

www.un.org/russian/document/scdocs/committees/1373

www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html

Economic and Social Council:

www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc

Danish Presidency of the European Union:

www.un.int/denmark

<http://europa-eu-un.org>

Journal of the United Nations:

www.un.org/Docs/journal/Ar/latesta.pdf

www.un.org/Docs/journal/Ch/latestc.pdf

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